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Response to Restriction Requirement

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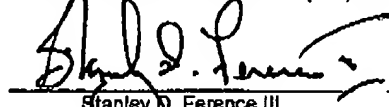
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated October 26, 2005, for the above-identified application.

The Office has asserted the response filed on August 1, 2005, is not fully responsive to the prior restriction requirement because a provisional election was not

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made. It is respectfully submitted the outstanding Office Action was issued in error as the August 1, 2005, submission was in fact fully responsive.

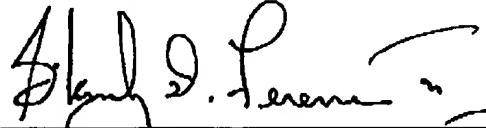
In the August 1, 2005, submission Applicants traversed the restriction requirement because "the groups of claims delineated by the Office can be used together, with the apparatus and system claims used to practice the method claims, and so forth". Applicants also asserted "that even if the restriction requirement is not withdrawn, the Claims of Groups I, II, and III should be examined at the same time under MPEP § 803 as there is no serious burden in searching an examining the claims of the groups in the same application. In this regard, the Office's attention was directed to U.S. Patent No. 6,598,018 which is classed in (and was search in) multiple classes, including the three subclasses identified in the original Restriction Requirement. While the comments made in the August 1, 2005, submission are equally appropriate here, they are merely incorporated by reference in the interests of brevity.

Although Applicants believed (and continue to believe) a restriction requirement is improper, the August 1, 2005, submission also included a provisional election. The Office's attention is directed to the last sentence of the second paragraph on Page 3, which states "In the event the restriction requirement is not withdrawn, Applicants provisional elect the claims of Group I (e.g., Claims 1-6, 8-12, and 14-20)." As such, Applicants assert the August 1, 2005, submission was fully responsive.

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If there are any further issues in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact
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